

regulations in this subpart, other than for the services of the inspector.

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Subpart—Imported Fire Ant

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QUARANTINE AND REGULATIONS

§ 301.81 Restrictions on interstate movement of regulated articles.

No person may move interstate from any quarantined area any regulated article except in accordance with this subpart.

§ 301.81-1 Definitions.

Administrator. The Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, or any person authorized to act for the Administrator.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (APHIS).

Certificate. A document in which an inspector or a person operating under a compliance agreement affirms that a specified regulated article meets the requirements of this subpart and may be moved interstate to any destination.

Compliance agreement. A written agreement between APHIS and a person engaged in growing, handling, or moving regulated articles that are moved interstate, in which the person agrees to comply with the provisions of this subpart and any conditions imposed under this subpart.

Imported fire ant. Living imported fire ants of the species *Solenopsis invicta* Buren and *Solenopsis richteri* Forel, and hybrids of these species.

Infestation (infested). The presence of an imported fire ant queen or a reproducing colony of imported fire ants, except that on grass sod and plants with roots and soil attached, an infestation is the presence of any life form of the imported fire ant.

Inspector. An APHIS employee or other person authorized by the Administrator to enforce the provisions of this subpart.

Interstate. From any State into or through any other State.

Limited permit. A document in which an inspector affirms that a specified regulated article not eligible for a certificate is eligible for interstate movement only to a specified destination and in accordance with conditions specified on the permit.

Movement (moved). The act of shipping, transporting, delivering, or receiving for movement, or otherwise aiding, abetting, inducing or causing to be moved.

Noncompacted soil. Soil that can be removed from an article by brisk brushing or washing with water under normal city water pressure (at least 4 gallons per minute at 40 to 50 pounds per square inch through a ½-inch orifice).

Person. Any association, company, corporation, firm, individual, joint stock company, partnership, society, or any other legal entity.

Reproducing colony. A combination of one or more imported fire ant workers and one or more of the following immature imported fire ant forms: Eggs, larvae, or pupae.

Soil. Any non-liquid combination of organic and/or inorganic material in which plants can grow.

Soil-moving equipment. Equipment used for moving or transporting soil, including, but not limited to, bulldozers, dump trucks, or road scrapers.

State. The District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, or any State, territory, or possession of the United States.

§ 301.81-2 Regulated articles.

The following are regulated articles:

(a) Imported fire ant queens and reproducing colonies of imported fire ants.¹

(b) Soil,² separately or with other articles, except potting soil that is shipped in original containers in which the soil was placed after commercial preparation.

(c) Baled hay and baled straw stored in direct contact with the ground;

¹Permit and other requirements for the interstate movement of imported fire ants are contained in part 330 of this chapter.

²The movement of soil from Puerto Rico is subject to additional provisions in part 330 of this chapter.

(d) Plants and sod with roots and soil attached, except plants maintained indoors in a home or office environment and not for sale;

(e) Used soil-moving equipment, unless removed of all noncompacted soil; and

(f) Any other article or means of conveyance when:

(1) An inspector determines that it presents a risk of spread of the imported fire ant due to its proximity to an infestation of the imported fire ant; and

(2) The person in possession of the product, article, or means of conveyance has been notified that it is regulated under this subpart.

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§ 301.81-3 Quarantined areas.

(a) The Administrator will quarantine each State or each portion of a State that is infested.

(b) Less than an entire State will be listed as a quarantined area only if the Administrator determines that:

(1) The State has adopted and is enforcing restrictions on the intrastate movement of the regulated articles listed in § 301.81-2 that are equivalent to the interstate movement restrictions imposed by this subpart; and

(2) Designating less than the entire State as a quarantined area will prevent the spread of the imported fire ant.

(c) The Administrator may include uninfested acreage within a quarantined area due to its proximity to an infestation or inseparability from the infested locality for quarantine purposes, as determined by:

(1) Projections of spread of imported fire ant around the periphery of the infestation, as determined by previous years' surveys;

(2) Availability of natural habitats and host materials, within the uninfested acreage, suitable for establishment and survival of imported fire ant populations; and

(3) Necessity of including uninfested acreage within the quarantined area in order to establish readily identifiable boundaries.

(d) The Administrator or an inspector may temporarily designate any nonquarantined area as a quarantined area in accordance with the criteria specified in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section. The Administrator will give written notice of this designation to the owner or person in possession of the nonquarantined area, or, in the case of publicly owned land, to the person responsible for the management of the nonquarantined area; thereafter, the interstate movement of any regulated article from an area temporarily designated as a quarantined area is subject to this subpart. As soon as practicable, this area either will be added to the list of designated quarantined areas in paragraph (e) of this section, or the Administrator will terminate the designation. The owner or person in possession of, or, in the case of publicly owned land, the person responsible for the management of, an area for which the designation is terminated will be given written notice of the termination as soon as practicable.

(e) The areas described below are designated as quarantined areas:

ALABAMA

The entire State.

ARKANSAS

Ashley County. The entire county.
 Bradley County. The entire county.
 Calhoun County. The entire county.
 Chicot County. The entire county.
 Clark County. The entire county.
 Cleveland County. The entire county.
 Columbia County. The entire county.
 Dallas County. The entire county.
 Desha County. The entire county.
 Drew County. The entire county.
 Faulkner County. That portion of the county lying south of a line beginning at the intersection of Interstate 40 and the Faulkner/Conway County line; then southeast on Interstate 40 to U.S. Highway 64; then east on U.S. Highway 64 to the Faulkner/White County line.
 Garland County. The entire county.
 Grant County. The entire county.
 Hempstead County. The entire county.
 Hot Spring County. The entire county.
 Howard County. The entire county.
 Jefferson County. The entire county.
 Lafayette County. The entire county.
 Lincoln County. The entire county.
 Little River County. The entire county.
 Miller County. The entire county.
 Montgomery County. The entire county.
 Nevada County. The entire county.